

SUPPOSED PAUPER LEFT ESTATE VALUED AT MORE THAN \$200,000.

Relatives to Contest the Will of Michael Murphy Who
Died at Garfield Hospital.

REMEMBERED ONLY TWO NIECES AND A NEPHEW.

Michael Murphy, an aged man, who died at Garfield Hospital on December 19 and was supposed by most persons who knew him to have been practically a pauper, left, it has been discovered, an estate valued at more than \$200,000.

Since Mr. Murphy's death relatives, of whom he never made mention to those with whom he conversed, have announced themselves and some of them have notified the executors of the estate that they intend to contest for their legal rights.

None Suspected His Wealth.
For many years previous to being removed to the hospital about a month before his death, Mr. Murphy lived in one room in the house, No. 1635 Tenth Street northwest.

His surroundings were of the most humble kind and there was nothing to indicate that he was other than what he claimed to be—an extremely poor man. After being taken to Garfield Hospital he realized that he could not recover and, sending for a lawyer, dictated his will. He mentioned only three or four pieces of property.

Left to Nieces and a Nephew.
After directing that these be sold and that after paying some small bequests to two or three charitable institutions the proceeds be divided among his nieces, Mrs. Ruppert, of 1109 Seventh Street northwest, and a niece and nephew in Baltimore, whom he named, he ceased to speak. He was, however, able to sign his name to the paper, and it was witnessed by those present.

A few days ago a Mr. David Owens, a real estate man, of New York, called at the office of Messrs. Moore & Hill, the former of whom had the collection of the rents on Mr. Murphy's property, and informed Mr. Moore that his wife, now dead, was a niece of Mr. Murphy, and that he intended to contest the will on behalf of

his three children, whose names were not mentioned in the will.

Michael Murphy and his brother, Patrick, came to Washington from New York about fifty years ago. They located in what was formerly termed "Hell's Bottom," the vicinity of Rhode Island Avenue and Tenth and Eleventh Streets northwest, where they opened a saloon.

They did a lively business from the start, but during the civil war made a great deal of money. This they invested in lots and houses in the northwest section of the city and much of the ground was bought for as low as 2 cents per foot, and this has greatly appreciated in value.

The brothers, during the life of Patrick, kept their business secrets to themselves, but after the latter's death Michael took a business man of the neighborhood into his confidence, and while in health visited the former almost daily for the purpose of consultation.

Monthly Income \$800 or \$900.

Mr. Murphy, it is said, owned many houses and lots on Tenth and Eleventh Streets, between Rhode Island and Florida Avenues, and in Le Droit Park, as well as some in the suburbs. It was his practice to buy, but not to sell, except when a piece of property became undesirable to him, which was seldom. His income from his rents was for a long time about \$800 or \$900 a month.

Mr. Murphy was not on terms of close friendship with any of his relatives, and never mentioned any of them by name except that of Mrs. Ruppert, of this city, and his relations with her were strained.

A short time before his death, however, he sent for Mrs. Ruppert to come to see him, which she did. After his death Mr. Murphy's body was taken to Mrs. Ruppert's house, and the funeral services were held there. Interment was made in Mount Olivet Cemetery.

SILK FRAUD PROBING WILL START MONDAY.

MAY BE STARTLING REVELATIONS

It is said Government has lost
\$8,000,000 on silks alone
in the last decade.

NEW YORK, Jan. 10.—W. Wickham Smith, recently appointed Deputy United States Attorney General by President Roosevelt, will begin an investigation Monday into the alleged custom house frauds.

The enquiry, it is said, will disclose a magnitude of frauds almost beyond belief.

The frauds, according to those who will prosecute the investigation, have been accomplished by direct collusion between custom house employees and importers.

\$8,000,000 Loss in Silks.
In the importation of silk alone, the Government is said to have lost \$8,000,000 in duties in the past ten years.

Wilbur F. Wakeman, secretary of the American Protective League, has been asked for assistance in the prosecution.

He says: "In my judgment the United States has been defrauded of \$800,000 a year. Further information I cannot give. I will gladly assist in the prosecution."

Drove Out Competition.
It is said one silk firm alone, by collusion with an examiner, was able to drive out all competitors in Japanese silk.

The examiners frequently received as high as \$2,000 for classifying silk wrongfully.

At the custom house today there was a disposition to remain silent.

Just who the importers and custom house employees involved are, will not be known until the investigation progresses.

FASTS FOR HIS HEALTH.

Chicagoan Starves Himself to Care
Physical Ills.

CHICAGO, Jan. 10.—Fasting as a means of preserving health is practiced by at least 300 persons in this city, according to Seth A. Rhodes, president of the Rhodes Watch Tool Company, the leader of the fasting club, and a prominent member of the Illinois Club.

Mr. Rhodes himself is a devotee of the fasting theory, and today is a fast day with him. He will eat nothing all day, doing his work as usual and subsisting on the simple dinner which he ate last night until tomorrow morning, when he will eat an equally simple breakfast. This fast is repeated every month. Three times a year Mr. Rhodes gives up a week to practical fasting. For three days he eats nothing and for the four days following he eats only a handful of popcorn, without salt or butter, three times a day.

Mr. Rhodes is not a dyspeptic. He enjoys life and has no stomach troubles. Hunger, he says, is unknown to him, and eating is only one of the incidents of life which he regulates to suit his own ideas.

Fasting as a means of preserving health is not an original idea with me," said Mr. Rhodes last night. "There are at least 300 others in Chicago who practice it. I fast to give the stomach a chance to rid itself of the fatty tissue which generates disease and also to give it proper rest."

Programme Souvenir of Carnival.

A very handsome programme for the Elks Carnival, to be held at Convention Hall, beginning February 3, and to continue for two weeks, is being prepared. A large number of these programmes will be distributed every afternoon and evening. The programme will be a souvenir of the event, but will be given out gratis.

The President a Slave to Catarrh.
—D. T. Sample, President of Sample's Installation Company, Washington, D. C., writes: "For years I was afflicted with Chronic Catarrh. Remedies and treatments by specialists only gave me temporary relief until I was induced to use Dr. Agnew's Catarrh Powder. It gave me instant relief and has proved the best thing in my life." Sold by F. K. Williams, 214 and F. Streets; Edmonds & Williams, Third Street and Pennsylvania Avenue—21.

PERRAULT'S FRIENDS COMING.

To Plead in Behalf of Idaho's Surveyor General.

A Delegation of the friends of Mr. Joseph Perrault, the Surveyor General of the State of Idaho, who has been charged with violation of the civil service rules, is said to be on the way to Washington to plead his cause with the Secretary of the Interior and the President.

It is not probable, in view of the fact that Mr. Perrault's term of office expires in two days, that he will be removed. In fact, there is not really enough time remaining for the Interior Department to make a comprehensive investigation of the matter.

Mr. Perrault is a protégé of ex-Senator Shoup of Idaho, who is said to be later assisting himself in his reappointment.

The case of Lullman vs. the United States, which brought the Perrault matter to the front again, is but the forerunner of several such cases against the Government which are to be taken up in the Court of Claims. The action of the court in holding that a clerk who has been illegally suspended may recover the amount of his salary for the time covered by such illegal suspension, is regarded as a great victory for the Civil Service Commission.

MAY PROVE TO BE ANOTHER HOLMES.

A MAN OF MANY MARRIAGES.

Police Now Investigating the Record of Louis Thoms and Anticipate Uncovering a Career of Crime.

CHICAGO, Jan. 10.—Will Louis Thoms, the man charged with the murder of Carrie Larson, prove to be another Dr. H. H. Holmes?

This is the question that confronts the score of detectives who have been investigating his past. That he has had at least three or perhaps four wives they know.

Two of Them Dead.

Two of these women are dead. Developments in the case lead the officers to the conclusion that they were murdered.

The first woman to whom Thoms was married was Jennie Heider, the daughter of a farmer near Albany, N. Y. After giving birth to three children, of which the last one died, the mother died in Albany, N. Y., in 1885.

The second wife was Millie Ristau, whom Thoms married in Chicago six years ago under the name of Hopkins. Mrs. Hopkins lives with a two-year-old child in this city.

Thoms' Third Wife.

The third wife is Anna Burndt, who came to this country from Germany but a short time since. Like Carrie Larson, Anna Burndt was hired by Thoms in the office of the Empire Employment Agency. Last fall, after an acquaintance of six months, she married Thoms in Duluth, Minn.

There May Be Others.

"Investigations are now being made into the deaths of the Chicago women and of the woman whom Thoms is said to have buried at Albany, N. Y.," said Captain Wheeler. "We may find that Thoms had wives in other cities who are dead. It would not surprise me at all if in Thoms we find a counterpart of the notorious Dr. H. H. Holmes."

THOMPSON QUICKLY CAUGHT.

Alleged Diamond Thief Re-Arrested in Chicago.

Much gratification was expressed at Police Headquarters this morning at the prompt arrest of Albert Thompson, the Chicago yesterday afternoon, and at the equal promptness with which he will be returned to this city.

Detective Sergeant Muller, who left here last night to bring the prisoner back, will reach Chicago tomorrow morning and is expected back here Monday.

Thompson was arrested in this city December 18 for the alleged larceny of a diamond brooch from Messrs. Galt & Bro. He was released on \$1,500 bond, furnished by Eugene Kennedy. When the case was called, January 1, he failed to appear and the bond was declared forfeited.

A stay of the forfeiture was granted at the request of Mr. Kennedy's attorney, on the promise that Thompson would be produced.

Major Sylvester immediately prepared a circular offering \$100 reward for the arrest of the fugitive, and sent it broadcast throughout the country on January 4. This circular reached Chicago on Monday and the arrest was made yesterday. Thompson waited extradition before a justice and there will be no delay in bringing him back to the city.

THE KILPATRICK ARRIVES.

Brings a Large Number of Military Passengers.

The War Department is advised of the arrival of the transport Kilpatrick at San Francisco, with the following military passengers:

Majors McCaw and Crampton and Captain Disney, medical department; Major Gilbert, pay department; Captains Dade, Thirteenth, and Lieutenants Corbush, Fourteenth, and Otis, Eight Cavalry; Captain Carey, Thirtieth Infantry; Lieutenants Cullison, Second, Carroll, First; Graham, Twenty-second; Lieutenants Davis, Raymond and Lewis, Artillery Corps.

Discharged and short term men, 885; 15 furloughed.

Bodies of ten enlisted men transported; five contract surgeons; two female nurses.

DIED.

HANNAN—On Thursday, January 9, 1902, after a short illness, MICHAEL J. HANNAN, of 1519 Seventeenth Street northwest.

Funeral will take place on Saturday, January 11, from his residence at 9 o'clock; thence to St. Matthew's Church, where mass will be said for repose of his soul.

SPEEDEN—On Thursday, January 9, 1902, at 2:30 o'clock p. m., RUTH A. SPEEDEN, beloved wife of Irving Speeden.

Funeral services, 1200 Fourteenth Street northwest, Friday, January 10, at 3 o'clock p. m. Interment at Baltimore, Md., Saturday, January 11.

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CZAR'S PLANS RECEIVE CHECK

Finance Minister Submits
Depressing Report.

THE EMPIRE IS IN A SAD STATE.

M. De Witte, Dealing With Commercial and Agricultural Crises in the Land of the Bear, Tells an Amazing Story of Poverty and Distress. Campaign of Aggression Abandoned by the Government.

ST. PETERSBURG, Jan. 10.—M. De Witte, the Minister of Finance, has presented to the czar his report upon the agricultural and commercial crisis in Russia.

M. De Witte enumerates the following points:

1. The metal industries are on the verge of ruin.
2. The textile industries are depressed and many bankrupt.

3. The productivity of the land has decreased 27 per cent during the past twenty years.

Fertility Leaves Land.

4. The average acre of land, because of bad cultivation, produces but one-fifth the amount produced by an acre in America.

5. The number of horses has decreased 40 per cent during the past thirty years. The introduction of machinery, the minister states, will explain this.

6. Forty-two per cent of the agricultural population are hopelessly in arrears with their taxes.

Only Non-Russians Prosperous.

7. Finland, Poland, and the Caucasus, which are inhabited by non-Russian nationalities, are the only parts of the empire showing general prosperity.

The report has had a most depressing effect in official circles, and has stopped all plans for Russian aggression.

HARD MARCH ACROSS SAMAR.

Major Waller's Men Add to Their Great Record.

The Navy Department has received the following despatch from Rear Admiral Rodgers on the Asiatic station:

"Waller reports having completed ten days' march across Samar from Lanao to Babey. The column endured great hardships. Killed thirteen insurgents and captured a captain, lieutenant and four men."

Major Waller commands a battalion of marines which has done brisk work in the Philippines in attacking the insurgents, even in almost impregnable entrenchments. He is a tireless pursuer and his men have shown great gallantry.

TRYING TO IDENTIFY SUSPECTS.

Pittsburg Captives May Be Men Wanted in This City.

Captain Boardman and his men of the Police Department are trying to determine whether John Salter and Harry Stearns are the men who, on the night of March 8, last, robbed Abraham Hart and David L. Stone of their watches while the latter were passengers on a crowded street car.

This question is raised by the receipt of a letter from Philip Demmed, the superintendent of the Bureau of Detention at Pittsburg, announcing the arrest of the men there on suspicion of a similar offense in that city. The letter states that John Salter is supposed to be an expert "stone getter." There has been a mob of pickpockets and "stone getters" operating in that city of late and an effort is being made to secure the records of the men under arrest.

The similarity of the methods of operation suggested to Captain Boardman that the men might be the ones who are wanted in this city. Their photographs as furnished by the Pittsburg authorities will be shown the local victims in the hope that the latter may be able to identify the men.

BEEF SUGAR MEN AGGRESSIVE.

They Intend to Oppose Oxnard's Compromise Proposals.

There is trouble brewing for Mr. Oxnard, of best sugar fame. The beet sugar manufacturers of Michigan are after him with a sharp stick. They sent word today to Senator Burrows that they are coming to Washington to oppose the stand taken by Mr. Oxnard relative to the Cuban sugar question.

They charge that he has never made a straight fight for their interests, but has at all times been talking compromise. They will agree to no rebate or drawback proposition, and insist on the Dingley tariff rates. If there should be a drawback allowed they want the same kind of a rebate on Cuban tobacco and all other Cuban products.

The Wisconsin, Nebraska, California, and Michigan delegations are expected to make common cause of the matter, their States being the greatest beet sugar producers in the Union.

CHOSEN FOR A CONSULTOR.

Dr. Garrigan Receives an Appointment from Rome.

The Very Rev. Dr. Garrigan, Vice Rector of the Catholic University, was informed yesterday by the Papal Secretary of State that he (Dr. Garrigan) had been selected one of the consultants of the Papal Commission on Modern Questions Concerning Holy Writ.

The membership is selected by the Pope and consists of Cardinal Parocchi, Vice Chancellor, president; Cardinals Segna, prefect of the Vatican archives, and Vives y Tuto, assessors. Eleven consultants have been chosen from various countries.

The commission, especially the president, is said to represent broad-minded, progressive views. The appointment does not necessarily remove Dr. Garrigan from his present position as Vice Rector of the Catholic University. Occasional visits to Rome may at times necessitate Dr. Garrigan's absence from his post here, but it is expected that most all business will be conducted in the questions propounded by the commission.

Theft of Overcoat Reported.

Mrs. Elizabeth Edwards, of 2245 Cleveland Avenue, has reported to the police that a negro named Moore robbed her of an overcoat within the past day or two. Mrs. Edwards is under the belief that Moore has robbed other people, and she is anxious that he be arrested. The negro is said to be about thirty years old. No clue is known as yet to his whereabouts.

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The patterns will please you; the fit and hang will please you—and there's not a pair in the entire lot that wouldn't be marked at least a dollar more in any other store in town. All sizes, and at the special price of **\$3.00**

The Small Lots of Boys' Suits in a Big Special Sale.

When sizes break, then lots become unwieldy—and we take this method to get these odds and ends out of stock. There are a big number of these ones, twos, and threes of a kind here now. Cannot help being after such a season's business as we've been through. When this clearance times comes we simply banish all thought of what the Suits cost, or what they are worth; or what they have been selling for. WE MARK THE SPECIAL PRICE WHERE IT WILL ACCOMPLISH THE ONLY OBJECT OF REDUCTION.

Both the Long Pants Suits and the Short Pants Suits are included in this sale—together with Separate Knee Pants and Overcoats and Reefers. The boy who'll need anything to wear before it's time to change to lightweight should be supplied tomorrow.

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| CHOICE of \$2.50, \$3, and \$3.50 Short Pants, in Plain and Fancy effects—Double Breasted, Navy-Blue Russian Blouse, Sailor Suit and Many Suits. \$1.65 | CHOICE of \$7.50, \$8, and \$9 Long Pants Suits in nobby Cheviots and Cassimeres and Dressy Thibets and Worsteids, cut in the latest styles. \$4.95 |
| CHOICE of \$4.50, \$5, \$6, and \$7 Short Pants Suits; Plain and Fancy effects—Novelties, Double Breasted, Russian Blouse, Norfolk, Sailor and Kilt Suits. \$2.95 | CHOICE of \$3.95 and \$5 Overcoats and Reefers; Plain and Fancy colors; latest and most comfortable styles; sizes are broken but most any boy can be fitted in one or another. \$2.95 |
| CHOICE of \$5 and \$6 Long Pants Suits for the Young Men from 14 to 19 years; Plain and Fancy Cheviots, Thibets, and Cassimeres, stylishly cut and made. \$3.45 | CHOICE of Boys' Plain and Fancy Cheviot and Corduroy Knee Pants, in scattering sizes from 4 to 16 years, that are worth 75c a pair. 45c |

Men's Furnishings.

The Collars lead off as tomorrow's special. They are 1-ply, and in all the fashionable shapes—both standing and Turndowns. We're selling them in three—but you'd better take a dozen at least. **3 for 25c**

\$1.65 for Laundered White Shirts, in three different styles and of the quality that's usually \$1.50.
3c for the best Laundered White Shirt that has ever been seen in Washington for 50c.

MEN'S Gray Wool Gloves, you maybe know how scarce they are. Full line of sizes 50c here tomorrow.
GRAY Mocha Gloves, with pique seams and self backs; perfect fitting, and equal of the \$1.00 best \$1.25 Gloves. Our brand. **\$1.00**

WHITE Silk Reversible Four-in-Hand Scarfs; made of the same grade of silk as is put into the best 25c Neckwear. **17c**
MEN'S Damet Flannel Night Shirts; cut extra long and full; attractive patterns. Special. **45c**

FANCY Web-Suspenders, made with strong elastic ends and simple and secure fast-offs. **15c**
200 DOZEN of the Toboggan Caps for Boys; full line of colors and combinations; **17c**

Take Advantage of Our Small-Lot Sale of Shoes.

We've culled the odds and ends out of the shelves and followed our custom in such matters—marked them down deep enough to make ridiculous sure and certain and speedy. What better recommendation can a pair of Shoes have than it is the last pair of a full lot? That is itself bespeaks popularity and WORTH.

LADIES' Black Vici Kid Kid-Jacket House Boots; hand turned, with patent tips; very soft and comfortable, and dressy shape; regular \$1.25 value. SPECIAL. **65c**
LADIES' Black Vici Kid Button and Lace Shoes; Patent Leather Lace Shoes; in medium weight, with extension soles; latest styles; regular \$1.00 value. SPECIAL. **\$1.00**

LADIES' Black Vici Kid, Box, and Velour Calf and Patent Leather Button and Lace Shoes; with light or heavy soles; stylish and comfortable; regular \$3 value. SPECIAL. **\$1.85**

MEN'S Black Wax and Velour Calf and Enamel Leather Lace and Congress Shoes; with light or heavy soles; opera, French and built dog toes; regular \$3 value. SPECIAL. **\$1.95**

MEN'S Black Vici Kid, Box, and Chrome Calf, Patent Calf, Patent Colt and French Enamel Straight Lace and Blucher Shoes; single and double soles; close trimmed or extension edges; latest shapes; **\$2.35**
BOYS' and Youths' Black Wax Calf Lace Shoes, with solid soles, flat heels and very mannish shapes, reliable in every way for every wear; regular \$1.25 value. SPECIAL. **95c**

MISSES' and Children's Black Vici Kid Button and Lace Shoes, with kid or patent leather tips; single or double soles, for dress or walking wear; single throughout and stylishly and comfortably **\$1.15**
lasted; values up to \$1.75. SPECIAL. **\$1.15**

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CHILE'S NEW WARSHIPS.

Naval Officer En Route to England to Get Them.
NEW YORK, Jan. 10.—The Panama Railroad Steamship Company's steamship Orizaba, arrived this morning from Colon. Among the passengers was Commander L. A. Martinez, of the Chilean navy, en route for England, where he will take charge of two new cruisers and two torpedo boat destroyers, now completed at one of the big shipyards in that country.

Six hundred men to man these war vessels sail from Colon today for Southampton on the Royal Mail steam packet.

SILVER TOKENS FOR SCHLEY.

Dinner Service of Spanish Coins to Be Presented Him.
A massive silver dinner service, made of coins taken from the Spanish cruiser Cristobal Colon, sunk by the Brooklyn in the battle off Santiago, has been completed and will shortly be presented to Admiral Schley. The service weighs about 2,000 ounces, and the cost is estimated at \$10,000.

The admiral and Mrs. Schley left last night for Savannah, where they will be the guests for two weeks of Gen. William W. Gordon.

License Refused Trainer Corrigan.

LONDON, Jan. 10.—The "Sportsman" says that Corrigan, the trainer of horses belonging to the American owners, has been refused a license to train in the Market Heath. His horse has been seen on the Heath.